

tralia, 4th edn., 1967, p.415) give a summary of previous records. On January 24, 1973, towards dusk, I saw one individual perched on a power line on the coast road to Rockingham, directly opposite the lead into the quarantine station at Woodmans Point.

—A. G. MATHEWS, South Perth.

**Another Record of the Antarctic Fulmar from the South Coast.**—On January 28, 1973 on the ocean beach a half a mile east of the mouth of the Warren River Mr. John Ingram and I noticed a moderate sized white gull-like bird, in a mummified form, on the strand line. However its beak revealed it as a petrel. The head was removed and the bird was identified later as an Antarctic Fulmar, *Fulmarus glacialis*, of which there are only three previous records known from Western Australia. The head is now in the collection of the Western Australian Museum (registered No. A 12297). The exposed culmen was 42.8 mm.

—GILBERT PFITZNER, Gooseberry Hill.

**A Western Silvereye with a Deformed Bill.**—A Silvereye (*Zosterops gouldi*) with a deformed bill was caught in a mist net in my garden on 1st May 1971. The bird was caught with other members of a small flock that had been feeding from bait trays in our backyard banding station. When the bird was removed from the net it was found to have an elongated lower mandible which twisted downward to the left. Close inspection did not reveal any sign of injury to account for the deformity.



Fig. 1.—Silvereye with deformed bill.

In general appearance the bird was untidy with the body plumage unkempt and dull. Dry white flakes were evident on body and head. The tail feathers were bedraggled and bore traces of excreta. The condition of the plumage indicated the bird's inability to preen itself.

The preen gland was examined and this appeared to be distended and inflamed, measuring 6.5 mm. x 4.7 mm. Examination of skull ossification indicated that the bird was immature, with additional data as follows: Bill length, from the junction of the upper mandible and skull, 12.0 mm.; lower mandible, 15.0 mm.; tarsus, 20.0 mm.; wing, 56.0 mm.; tail, 46.0 mm.; weight, 9.9 gm.